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POSSIBLE MUNITIONS MANUFACTURING/WEAPONS REPAIR FACILITIES, PARROT'S BEAK, CAMBODIA

The first possible munitions manufacturing/weapons repair facilities in Cambodia have been identified on photography of [REDACTED] in the center of the "Parrot's Beak," 2.1 nautical miles (nm) north-northeast of Chantrea (Figure 1). The "Parrot's Beak" area of Cambodia is a confirmed area of communist insurgency and has been a safe haven and staging area for the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong for several years. These facilities, located within 5 nm of the South Vietnam border, consist of five areas containing 12 forges. This installation was photographed on [REDACTED] but could not be identified as possible munitions manufacturing/weapons repair facilities until now. Present coverage shows that production capacity has doubled since [REDACTED] with the construction of two new forges and the addition of new stacks to four previously existing buildings. Three probable headquarters buildings with star insignias, more than 80 support buildings, automatic weapons positions, foxholes, trenches, row crops, and possible storage pits are also observed.

On the latest available coverage, all areas appear active. At least one forge is emitting smoke, heavy ground scarring is noted, and numerous well-used trails are evident throughout the region.

Area 1 contains one new single-stack forge, two double-stack forges, and 21 support buildings. Area 2 contains one new double-stack forge, one triple-stack forge (one stack of which is new), three probable headquarters buildings with star insignias, eight new buildings, and 19 support buildings (Figure 2). Area 3 contains one new double-stack forge, two single-stack forges (one probably new), three new buildings, and five support buildings. Area 4 contains one triple-stack forge, two double-stack forges, and 13 support buildings (Figure 3). Area 5 contains a new single-stack forge in operation and 11 support buildings interconnected by elevated walkways (Figure 4).

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FIGURE 1. GENERAL LOCATION MAP, PARROT'S BEAK AREA, CAMBODIA

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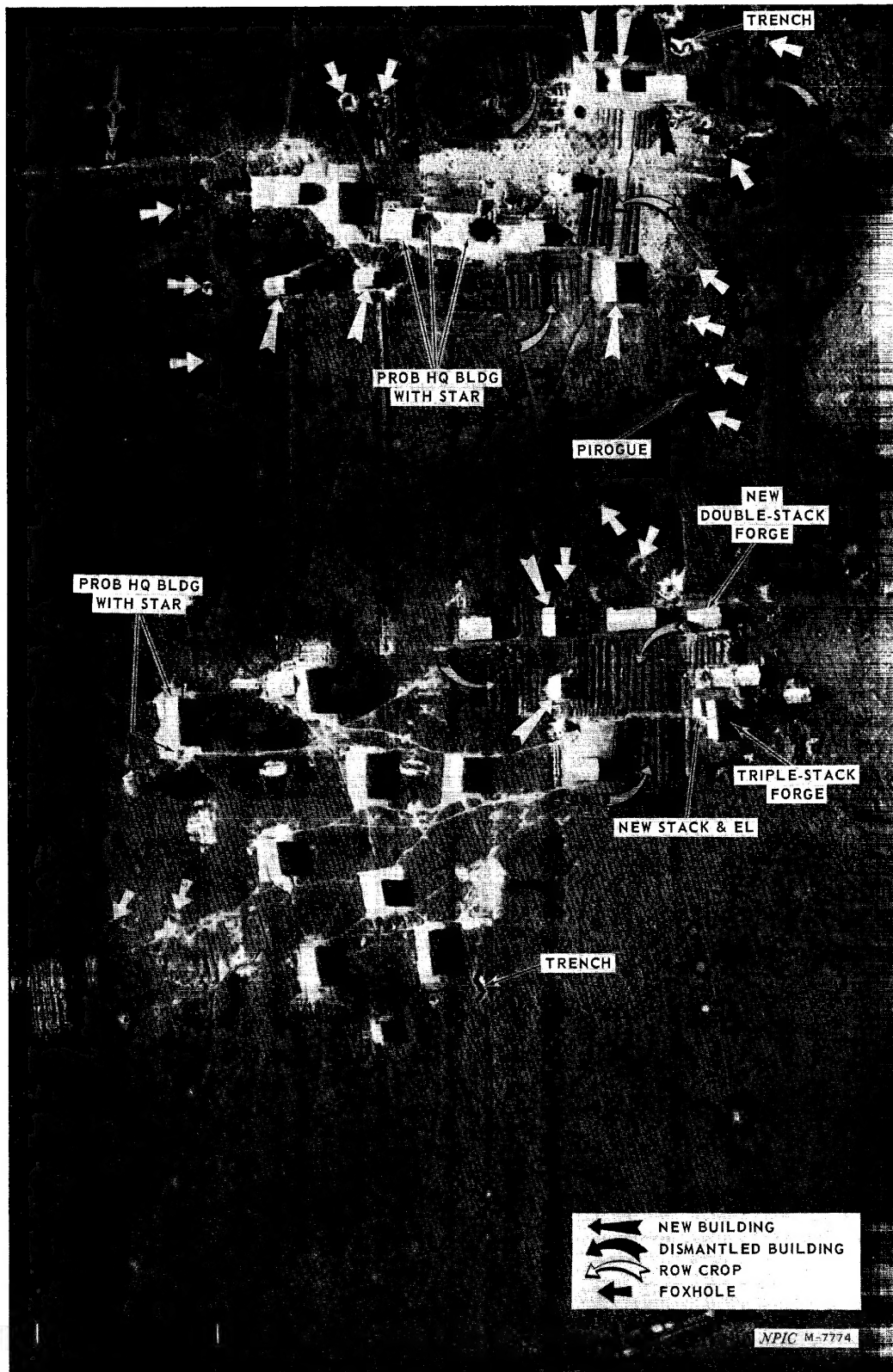


FIGURE 2. AREA 2, POSSIBLE MUNITIONS MANUFACTURING/WEAPONS REPAIR FACILITIES, PARROT'S BEAK, CAMBODIA

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FIGURE 3. AREA 4, POSSIBLE MUNITIONS MANUFACTURING/WEAPONS REPAIR FACILITIES, PARROT'S BEAK, CAMBODIA

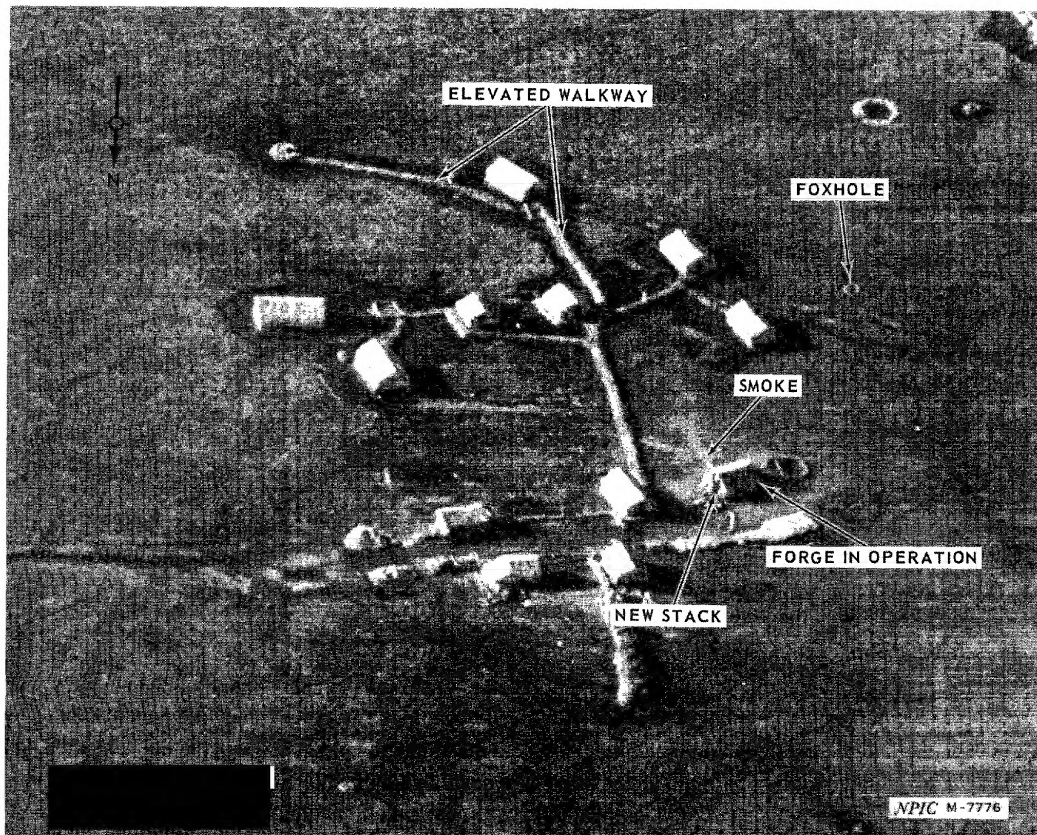


FIGURE 4. AREA 5, POSSIBLE MUNITIONS MANUFACTURING/WEAPONS REPAIR FACILITIES, PARROT'S BEAK, CAMBODIA

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